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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

February 25, 1976

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Mr. Walter Elder
Review Staff
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Langley, Virginia

Dear Mr. Elder:

This is to confirm our discussion of February 20 regarding the deposition of certain requests of the Select Committee:

(1) With regard to the Committee's letter of February 6, and CIA's letter response 76-0200/1 of February 11, I asked that a further attempt be made to identify the initials "G.N.N." Those initials follow handwritten comments on a March 1965 document in the AMLASH file which proposed giving the Cuban government information which might compromise AMLASH.

(2) With regard to the Committee's letter of January 12 and CIA's letter response 76-0062/1 of February 11, I asked that CIA review its files on Osvaldo Dorticos, President of Cuba, to determine if the message received by Dr. Portell-Villa was placed in those files.

(3) Dan Dwyer and I reviewed the list of CIA personnel at the Mexico City station referenced in CIA's letter 76-0083/3 of February 11 and agreed the list should remain at the Agency.

(4) I requested the Select Committee be provided the current address and telephone number of Mr. John Whiten, the Desk Chief for Mexico in 1963.

(5) With regard to the Committee's letter of January 29, requesting that two current Agency employees be made available for interviews, we agreed the Agency should provide the Committee a letter stating whether or not these employees were readily available for interviews.

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(6) Dan Dwyer and I reviewed Agency originated documents in CIA's 201 File on Gilberto Policarpo Lopez. It is our understanding you would reconsider CIA's decision to deny the Committee's request for a copy of these documents.

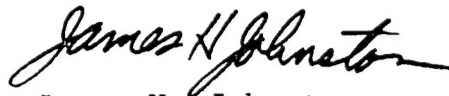
(7) With regard to the Committee's letter of January 30, we agreed:

(a) We would for the time being narrow the request in paragraph 1 to include only contacts of Director McCone;

(b) We would not alter the requests in paragraphs 2 and 3.

I trust this summary accords with your understanding of our discussion, but please let me know if there is any misunderstanding.

Sincerely,



James H. Johnston

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